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"Student Awards Officers have lost faith in OSAP"

The following letter was leaked to Lambda by the Ontario Federation of Students. Definitely not for public consumption, it indicates that *the province's Student* Awards Officers, who are the front line of the Ontario Student Assistance Program, are up in arms over the apparent incompetence and mismanagement of the Program by upper levels of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. It documents that OSAP has been in utter shambles for the past two years and is probably going to get a lot worse before, and if, it gets better.

We strongly urge all students to read this letter in its entirety. There appears to be a strong possibility that many students will not get the loans/grants coming to them until after the academic year, unless the backlogs current in OSAP are drastically improved.

The Hon. Bette Stephenson
Minister of Colleges and Universities

Dear Doctor Stephenson:

I have been asked by the Awards Officers of Ontario to express to you and to all levels of government our very deep concern about the sorry state of the Ontario Student Assistance Program for 1978-1979 and our growing unease about what will happen to the program in 1979-1980.

Monetarily, the Ontario Student Assistance Program is one of the government's smaller programs. Nevertheless it is one of the most vital, enabling at least one third of Ontario's post-secondary students to participate in the high profile, very expensive higher education system. More than 70,000 students rely on the funds provided through OSAP to attend classes. Failure to receive these funds when needed can cause students to withdraw from studies. Failure to receive a commitment for future funding soon after applying for assistance can cause potential returning students to plan not to enroll because of financial insecurity.

As early as September, 1977 we anticipated problems with the introduction of new OSAP policies and the concomitent computer-based support system. Never in even our most pessimistic moments did we anticipate the problems and delays that have developed.

To date, some eighty per cent of all OSAP applications forwarded to the Ministry have finally been assessed - correctly or otherwise. Mr. Clarkson and his staff have worked very hard, much to naught. His staff has spent more time in correcting systems failures than in their theoretically normal duties. Normal processing times in previous years of three to four weeks became three to four months in 1978, without apparent concern on the part of the Ministry.

The 1978 OSAP has been fraught with so many delays, programming failures, errors, inexcusable backlogs, policy changes and so forth that Awards Officers have lost all faith in the Ministry, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Hutchinson, the computer support system and OSAP itself. We are discouraged to the point of no longer believing what we are doing is even worth the effort.

I would like to catalogue a fraction of the problems to enable you to become more familiar with your new portfolio:

1) In November 1977, Dr. Parrott made a political decision to accept further public input into the policies of the 1978 program, delaying the freeze in policy decisions by four months. The changes made during this time caused untold difficulties for the Ministry's employees, Awards Officers, and the consulting firm of Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. who were writing the computer support program.

2) The 1978-79 program was to have been publicly unveiled in January, 1978. Instead, infor-

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Capital works & budget restraint

by Mike Andrews

How can the University afford to spend money on road resurfacing and curb installation during a period of budget restraint? The answer is not, as some people have suggested, a misappropriation of funds. The money for these capital works projects is in no way connected to the general operating budget of the University and is not affected by the recent cut-back policies.

The Ontario government, through the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, makes money available to post-secondary institutions in a variety of ways. The best known is the per student grant, which provides Laurentian with its operating budget. Salaries, maintenance costs, and all other operating expenses are met by this budget. Above and beyond this source of funds, there is grant money available for capital works projects.

Laurentian submits a list of capital works projects to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for a particular project is erroneous, and the University has money left over, this money must be returned to the Ministry, or expended on another approved capital project.

For the current year, Laurentian has received a total of $143,000 in capital works grants, to be spent on Roadway Resurfacing and Curbs ($68,000), a Portable Emergency Generator ($50,000) and Improvement of Facilities for the Handicapped ($25,000). These projects represent improvements to the Physical Plant of the University, but is the money being well spent?

According to Mr. Bob Tekauc, Planning Co-ordinator at Laurentian, these grants serve a valuable purpose. In a period of budget restraint, the first area to be cut back is the Physical Plant. These grants enable work to be done even though no money could be found for it in the operating budget. In fact, the road resurfacing and curbing project will save money from the operating budget, as the maintenance required on roadways, which must otherwise be funded from the operating budget, will be reduced.

Mr. T.L. Hennessy, Vice-President (Administration) at Laurentian, feels that these capital works grants represent a subtle attempt to influence the expenditures of Ontario Universities by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. By attaching strings to these grants, the Ministry assures that Physical Plant upkeep is not neglected by the Universities.

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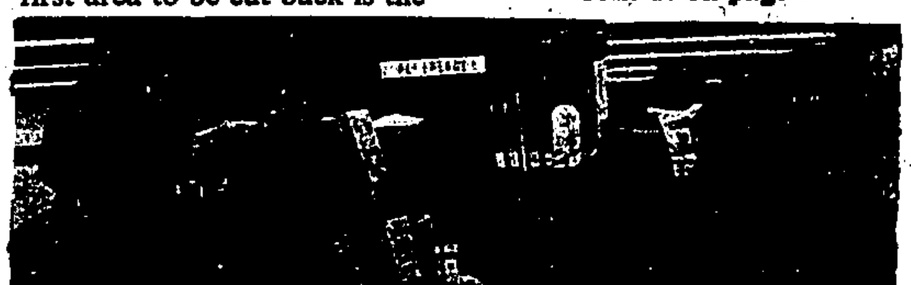

Trans transfer

by Debra Karn

Students in the School of Translators have expressed a growing dissatisfaction with the department in the last few weeks. Their concern has focused specifically on the issue of the departure of one of the faculty.

At the end of last week, Professor Tah Asongwed left the School of Translators to take up a more lucrative position in Africa, forcing students to cram an entire term's work into a few weeks. The remaining staff members will have to cope with the resultant course overloads.

In an interview with **Lambda**, Asongwed stated that he had no regrets regarding the circumstances of his departure from the University, as he considered himself to have been unfairly treated by the Administration. At a time when the School of Translators is experiencing a promising increase in enrollment, Asongwed was refused probationary teaching status. As a consequence, he looked elsewhere for more stable employment, and accepted the position in Africa, even though that meant leaving Laurentian before the end of the term.

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Lappas Bros. response

by Nick Antoncic

The criticisms of the Lappas Bros. Food Services that have been reported in **Lambda** in the past few weeks have begun to elicit some response from Lappas Bros. and the Administration.

The issue of French-language rights that arose within the cafeteria staff has been settled. Lappas maintains that the entire affair was the result of an unfortunate misunderstanding between the staff and Mr. Paul Lappas. The controversy has succeeded, however, in bringing about a firm

SGA President Tim Moyle, responding to criticisms made by various groups that held wine and cheese parties on campus this year, has been working with the parties involved and has drawn up a list of proposals and suggestions. These will, if implemented by the Administration, significantly improve the quality, prices and standards of services offered by the catering contract. **Lambda** has also learned that the SGA had been conducting an independent inquiry into these matters, during the summer months, and had been seeking some

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The type of project that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities will fund by capital works grants changes every year. This means that Laurentian cannot always gain approval for its highest priority projects. Mr. Hennessy believes that Laurentian should make the best use of the funds available within the guidelines established by the government. Some people argue that these guidelines infringe upon the autonomy of Ontario universities. However, these government restrictions do insure that major Physical Plant maintenance is not neglected in periods of budget restraint.

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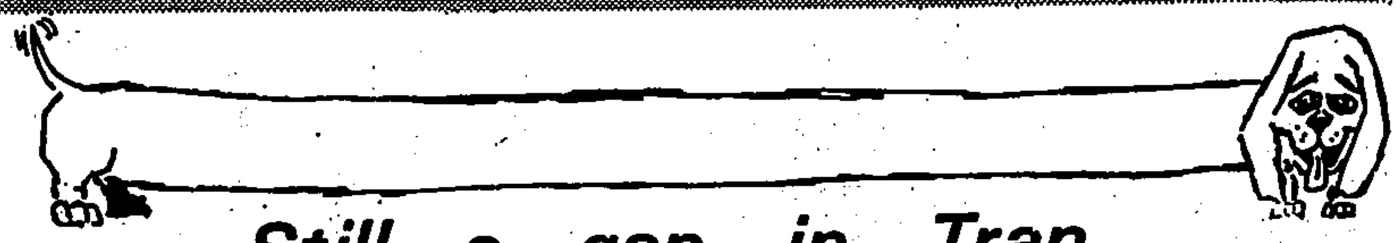

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Although no formal complaints have been presented to the School of Translators, students have expressed concern to members of **Lambda** at being forced to finish the term a month early. Mme. Arbuckle, School Director, stated that the department is aware of the problems, but was left with no alternative. "Professor Tah Asongwed considered that he was not legally obligated to remain at Laurentian, and therefore felt that the University should accept his resignation.

Mme. Arbuckle acknowledged that the severest problem caused by Asongwed's departure was with the first year students. This group already has a high mortality rate and can least afford problems of this kind. First year students were asked to attend five extra hours of classes over a ten day period in an attempt to make up the difference. The department has arranged for other professors to supervise periods of informal study so that students will not lose their language proficiency between now and January. In the meantime, other courses have suffered, and students have lost class time.

A replacement for Asongwed has not yet been decided upon and that issue remains unsettled.

The School of Translators is particularly sensitive about these and other problems and the Translators Council shares this concern. The students in the school are concerned, as well, and see themselves suffering academically while unable to effectively influence the course of these events.

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nominated by the SGA to represent the student body on the Food Services Committee. Mr. Horne has been involved with these issues from the beginning and assures **Lambda** that he will effectively represent student interests as well as play an active role in seeking a general improvement in the catering arrangements. Mr. Horne has expressed the hope that by working with the committee he will be able to make other improvements in services for the university community.

In the case of the failure by Lappas to fulfill the contractual agreements concerning student employment in the Pub, no response has been elicited; nevertheless **Lambda** will continue to report on this situation.

All of the parties involved have shown a willingness to compromise and significant improvements have been suggested. The issues have not been settled conclusively, however, and **Lambda** intends to monitor these and other issues.

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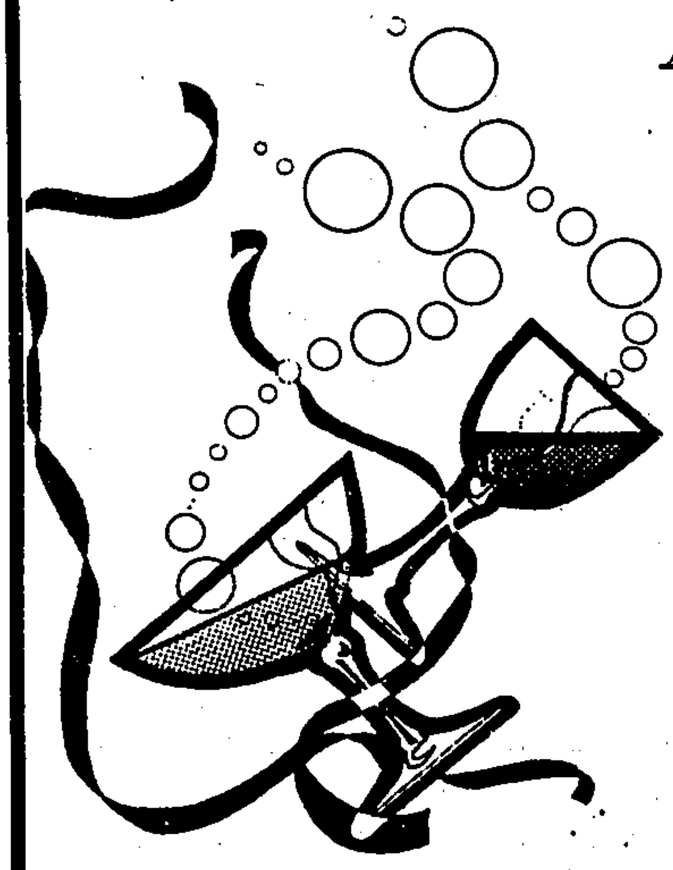

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Real wages higher in U.S. than in Canada

OTTAWA [CUP] -- Wages of Canadian workers are generally lower than those of their American counterparts, according to Canadian Labour Congress economist Kevin Collins.

Collins was referring to a report soon to be released by the Conference Board in Canada which concluded that labour costs in Canada were higher than those in the U.S. However, Collins said that report neglects several factors which lower Canadian labour costs.

"The report does not include other items of compensation besides wages, such as pension and medical plans," he said. "If these fringe benefits are counted, Canadian labour costs are actually lower than in the U.S."

The conference board report found that the cost of benefits, as a percentage of total wages, is almost double in the U.S. Between 1968 and 1977, the percentage in Canada rose from 9.6 per cent to 13.6 per cent while in the U.S. it rose from 11.1 per cent to 21.1 per cent.

Collins also said the report fails to quote wage rates in either one currency or another. Because the Canadian dollar has been devalued in comparison to the American dollar, an American may actually earn more in terms of purchasing power, even though a Canadian may earn more dollars.

As a result of the differences in the exchange rate and the fringe benefits, Canadians earn "between 15 and 20 per cent less than Americans", Collins said.

The conference board report admitted that, in the last year, U.S. wage settlements have "increased as rapidly" as Canada's. Collins said wage settlements in the past year have averaged 6.4 per cent in Canada, while running at 8 per cent in the U.S.

Canada has highest unemployment in west

OTTAWA [CUP] -- Canada has the highest rate of unemployment in the western industrialized world, according to reports released by the U.S. labour department Nov. 1.

In the survey, which covers the period 1974-77, Canada has the highest rate -- 8.5 per cent in the third quarter of 1977 -- compared to Japan which was at the bottom of the list with 2.3 per cent.

The current unemployment rate is eight per cent, seasonally adjusted.

NDP unemployment critic John Rodriguez said he was not surprised at the figures, and blamed Canada's poor performance on the lack of any economic planning.

"Canadian governments have not developed an economic strategy to set up a situation where jobs are created," he said.

Canada cannot expect to continue to export Japanese natural resources, without also exporting tens of thousands of jobs in the processing and manufacturing sectors. "We have relied on selling off our resources, which are capital intensive and not labour intensive."

The lack of economic planning has resulted in such situations as the Sherritt-Gordon Company importing nickel from the Philipines to be processed in Canada, while Inco shuts down its nickel mining operation in Sudbury, putting thousands of Canadians out of work.

Rodriguez also criticized the government for cutting back on unemployment insurance benefits. "The government isn't going to exacerbate the problem by flailing away at the victims of unemployment", he said.

University in Finland: more than the price is right

by Anna Osso

University education in Finland differs in many ways from the university education available to us here in Canada. First, students intending to pursue an academic career have to write a matriculation examination. Of the six faculties offered there - Law, Medicine, Philosophy, Agriculture and Forestry, Theology and Political Science - only the latter two admit students on the basis of a mere pass in the exam. Entrance exams into all other faculties are separate. Prep courses are available to help students through the specified material on which they will be examined.

After acceptence into the university, the chances of being thrown out are minimal. Students have ten years to accomplish whatever their intentions or goals are at university. Some find this an advantage as they can sidetrack into other fields, broadening their horizons. The less disciplined, who continually postpone assignments, tests and exams, find it a disadvantage.

The attitude towards education differs slightly from that prevalent in North America. People have a higher regard for education, even though the salary of those in professional fields does not differ drastically from those employed as blue- or white-collar workers. Those educated are respected just as much as people who have not had the opportunity to receive an education.

The annual cost for tuition amounts to 100 FM, or approximately $25 American, a striking contrast to our phenomenal tuition fees. Also, to help students ease their financial burden, most course materials can be found in libraries or are available at reasonable cost in several bookstores.

At first glance, the degrees are similarly structured. The Bachelor's, Master's and Licentiate's degrees are offered, in addition to the Doctorate, a title given for further individual research in a given field. The real differences lie in the internal structure and workload required for each individual degree.

The Bachelor's degree corresponds to the lower candidature and the Master's to the higher candidature. Subject studies are further divided into three levels, namely the approbatur (lowest), cum laude approbatur level and laudatur level (highest). The approbatur supplies the student with basic knowledge, the cum laude approbatur provides a deeper, more profound understanding and the laudatur level entails specialization and research in the field. For a B.A., the cum laude approbatur level must be obtained in your major with three additional approbaturs. There are other possibilities depending on their own individual structuring of their Master's degree.

For the Master's, the laudatur level must be obtained in your major, the cum laude in your minor, and an additional approbatur.

The licentiate degree is virtually unique in the world of education. It involves further study in a specified field, including a licentiate thesis and a laudatur minor.

The doctorate is finally obtained after the licentiate defends his/her doctoral dissertation after its approval by the faculty. The dissertation involves a contribution to scientific knowledge based on individual research.

There - a quick insight into the format, tuition, attitudes and degree structure at the University of Helsinki in Finland.

GRAD POLITICS & THE SGA

by Lloyd Hunt

A number of graduate students at Laurentian feel that they are not being effectively represented by the existing student government. A group of these students have formed an **ad hoc** Graduate Students Association and have selected Martin Purvis as their first president. This group intends to represent the interests of its members and, according to Purvis, intends to pursue a more political orientation than past organizations have.

Purvis told **Lambda** that he had approached the Administration and discussed the possibility of obtaining a Senate seat for the group. The university Registrar, Mr. Jack Porter, responded in a letter that any action on this request would have to be deferred until a constitution is drawn up and a provisional executive is elected.

Mr. Porter also added that the structure of the Senate would have to be altered to accommodate another representative organization and that some of the existing positions are already designated for graduate student representation, especially on various committees. As well, he pointed out other current positions that are open to both graduate and undergraduate students.

At present, the Students' General Association constitution does not permit graduate student membership in that organization. SGA President Tim Moyle indicated that, if a formal request for membership is made by the graduate students organization, he and the other members of the executive would look into the possibility of amending the constitution to allow formal input from the graduate students.

These matters are currently being attended to by the Graduate Association, but Purvis stressed that no single issue is behind the situation. Rather, the graduate students would like an organization to exist in the eventuality that it might be required in the future.

L.U. Grad School ready for expansion says director

by Ron Horne

The Graduate program at Laurentian University continues to be a viable component of the university's academic life. In fact, there are presently sixty-nine students working towards graduate degrees in six different disciplines. The majority of these students are enrolled in the Sciences - Biology, Chemistry, Geology and Physics. The remainder, twenty-two students, are enrolled in the Arts. English and History are the only disciplines offering graduate diplomas in the latter category.

The ratio of full-time students to part-time is thirty-nine to thirty in the department. With declining graduate enrollment elsewhere, the graduate school suffered a fourteen per cent drop in enrollment this year, although, in comparison with some undergraduate programmes, this is not a major setback. Professor E. Wright, Director of the School of Graduate Studies, does not see this as a trend and expects the school to remain viable.

Wright sees the graduate programme as an integral part of any university community. He points out that, in terms of grants received per student, the Provincial Government makes a greater allotment for graduate students than for undergraduates. A student in the graduate science programme, for example, is valued at four "Basic Instructional Units"; a student in the Arts is allocated three. In comparison, an undergraduate student receives only only 1, 1½ or 2 B.I.U.'s, depending upon the level and type of programme being studied. The B.I.U.'s are the criteria the government uses for awarding grants to the university. Professor Wright also points out that the quality of graduate work done at a university helps to determine its academic status. In his opinion, Laurentian's graduate programme is of outstanding quality. He also notes that all final theses are marked by an external examiner, thereby eliminating the possibility of biased assessment.

According to Wright, the optimum number of graduate students for an institution of Laurentian's size would be about one hundred and fifty. This number would create an adequate balance between the undergraduate and graduate programmes. He is currently investigating the possibility of establishing several more graduate programmes, besides those that are about to be implemented in the near future.

The graduate programme attempts to provide instruction at this level for the region and enhances the quality of academic life available to northerners.

Editor's Note

I suppose some of you have missed a couple of things this week ... like **Huntington Highlights**, the **Strokers Box, Intramural Sports**, and other regular articles of that ilk ... and me. Well, the story goes something like this.

MONEY! (arrrgh, grunt, lust, lust, where???) People like printers, typewriter companies, governments and even short, pudgy editors like snagging a hunk of the filthy lucre in return for work done on items even as well-meaning and "charitable" as campus newspapers. Now, across Canada, most student newspapers have half their monies derived from a public feedbag, gained either through some incarnation of agreement with the student government or through a direct student levy.

Not so at Laurentian. First off, the full-time students are carved off into two separate groups. Right from the start, Laurentian's population is one of the smallest in Canada. Thus, ignoring those who politically ignore us for the moment, we could easily spend half of what the Students' General Association does spend now. With a number of other items under their responsibility belts, they cannot really be expected to increase this service to the detriment of many, if not all, of the others.

Advertising, the other form of revenue generated through a newspaper, is scarcer than lips on a chicken in this neck of the muskeg. A city of layoffs, shutdowns and strikes isn't helping. It particularly doesn't help with short-budgeted advertisers who aren't convinced that the answer to the marketing problem lies at the other end of the bus route. Now that's probably because we ... Laurentian ... aren't making ourselves felt as such. Ah, but spirit riseth from within, doth it not?

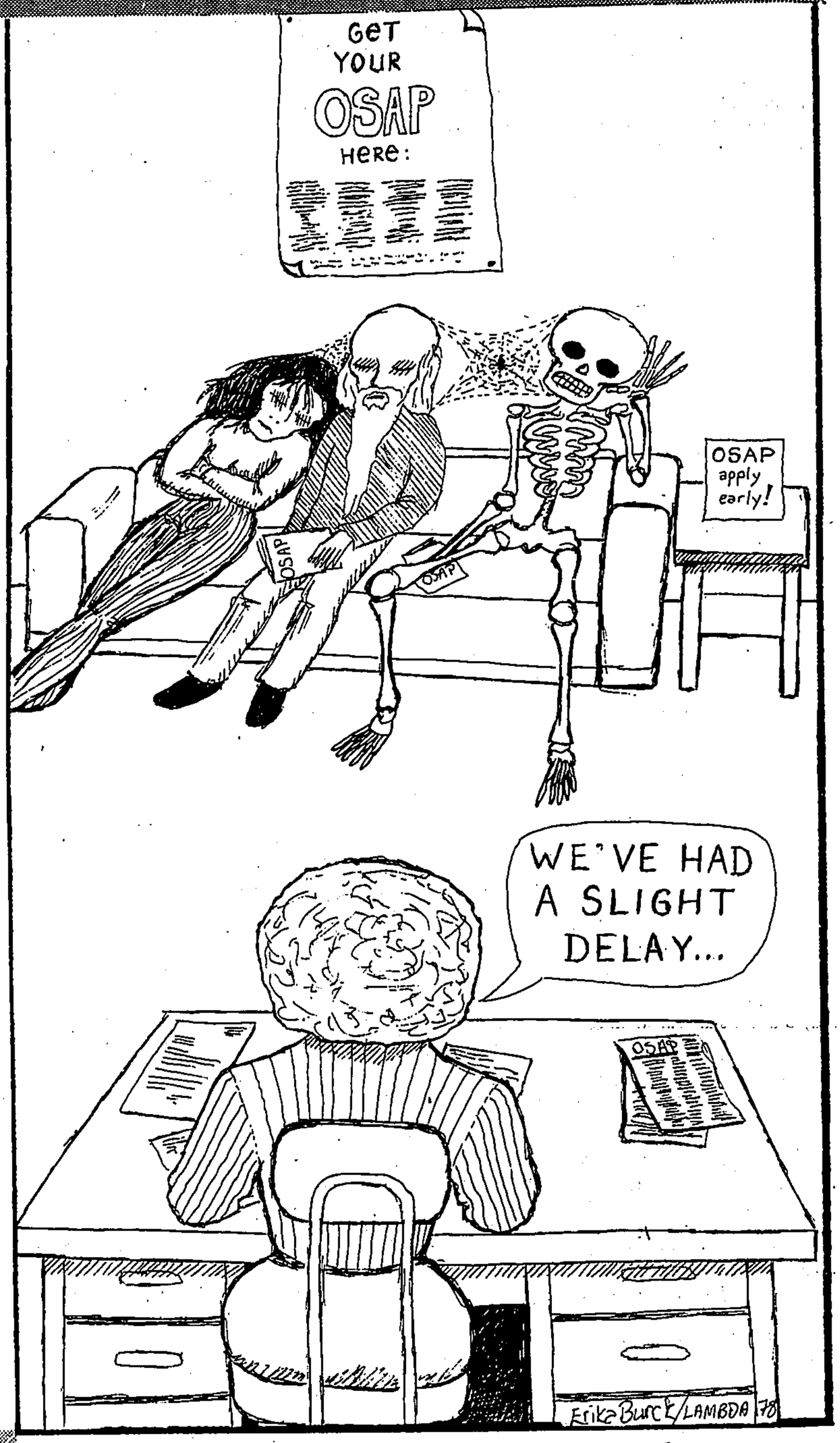
Which brings us back to **Huntington Highlights** et. al., and the horns of an editorial dilemma. Even with the abovementioned dire circumstances, we've got the eight page newspaper honed financially to an art. Getting bigger, however, is going to be a trick ... a good one.

We've attracted the attentions of a lot of good stuff and better people this year, and the demands for our space are daily increasing. We love it. Tied to this is the fact that we are bound to give the SGA up to a page of space (i.e. the monster growing on page 2.) when ever the spirit moves them. (This being because of the cash they've floated down here, past and present, and because of a sizeable loan we took out last year, and that they've got as a Damocletian liability this year.) Somewhere in all this is a point.

Oh, yes. About those **Highlights**. This week, we got bombed with copy. A lot of things had to go, a couple of them reluctantly. Ultimately, the priority of thumb came to be those things we believed to have the widest relevence and most importance to the campus in general. We also believe our primary function must be the reporting of news, both on and off campus, that has some significant effect on **your** life.

Now, this doesn't mean the kiss for the college/faculty/intramural material. We are just going to ask/demand/beg that the stuff be a lot shorter and tighter, like about 250 words. In the event that we do have to choose between this material in the future (we neatly avoided that issue this week by turfing out the whole lot) choice is probably going to based on boring things like topicality, brevity and (most importantly) grammar.

If you write this stuff, we admit we owe a big debt, and a good hole in the paper. You've been with us from the beginning and we'd like to keep you along. If you don't like the way we've decided to go, yell at the nearest staff member, rant in a letter to the editor, rave at a staff meeting. We've gotta know you really care before we can do it right.



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President's News & Views

by Tim Moyle

Consistently, down at the Students' General Association, we hear of complaints regarding professors and courses. People feel that, in some courses, they are not being taught what was stated in the course outline. However, your opportunity is soon coming to help rectify some of these problems.

During the week of Nov. 27 through Dec. 2, first term courses will be evaluated. The purpose of these course evaluations is not to "get at" the prof, but rather to assist the faculty in teaching their classes. Students, when evaluating their courses, should keep this in mind. Remember, these evaluations are a key determinant in whether or not a prof is given a promotion or granted tenure. Think of this, as well, when you mark your questionaire - you are evaluating a person's future. It's a hell of a responsibility. Do it right!

Since it appears that not too many people are aware of the fact, I thought I would tell you that there was a dance held last Friday night. We had 31 paying entrants to a dance which featured the best band we've seen here in years. We now know that the time of year chosen was not a good one (it was picked last summer) and that this contributed to our demise. However, there were also major problems with promotion. Despite the fact that there were better than fifty signs up and two ads in **Lambda**, people did not seem to know about it. If anyone could help us with some new ideas about the promotion of events, we would surely appreciate the help. Come down or drop us a line at the SGA Office on Student Street.

Congratulations to the Voos sport teams. They seem to be doing very well again this year. Perhaps they might do even better if they had larger crowds to cheer them on???

The picket at Queen's Park was a success as far as Laurentian is concerned. We had sixteen people out with a large banner, which made us a very noticeable group on the line. In fact, we had more people than did the University of Toronto, York, Western, Wa-

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mation became available through controlled leakage as students were leaving their campuses at the end of the academic year in April. Awards Officers, who do most of their next-year counselling between October and March, could do none.

3) The Policy and Procedure Manual for Awards Officers which was to have been completed for a training course in late March was then only in draft form and is not even complete today. Needless to say, it is difficult to administer a program with incomplete and inaccurate information.

4) Policies with respect to the rules, regulations and processing of applications affected by family/applicant asset resources which should have been finalized in March 1978 were not even developed until after a sizeable number of applications had been received by the Ministry. This failure to set policy before the start of the OSAP year was largely responsible for the four month backlog in "Special Consideration" submissions, the one type of application for which we cannot do manual assessments for students. A three week backlog for "Special Consideration" cases is considered unacceptable by Awards Officers.

5) The computer program for editing applications which should have been operational in May did not start functioning until June and then not properly. Even today it is not fully operational. Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. have failed to deliver a fully operational program.

6) The computer program for assessing correctly edited applications which should have been operational in May was delayed two months and even today is not working to specification. The computer programmers have failed to deliver the specified program.

7) The computer program for handling record amendment reports (errors) which is part of the preceding two programs is still not fully operational. Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. has failed to provide adequate documentation for this program to the extent that Mr. Clarkson's error processing clerks are incapable of identifying properly and/or fully the reasons why the computer is rejecting applications. There is still a seven week backlog in the processing of applications supposedly containing student initiated errors. Three weeks is considered unacceptable.

You should note that the processing of errors is in fact an Awards Officer's function. The Ministry has assumed this function this year because Mr. Clarkson does not dare to release to us the necessary documentation / instructions for the handling of errors because he cannot rely on the information given the Ministry by Stevenson & Kellog Ltd.

8) On August 21 and 28, several thousand applications were processed incorrectly because of a programming error. I have been informed that the explanation advanced by the Ministry to explain this mishap would appear to be a cover-up for a programming error, not a simple error made by an Awards Officer as alleged.

9) The computer program for ly assessed several thousand processing notice of enrollments which enables second term grants and reviews to be processed, should have been operational on September 1. It functioned for the first time on October 30 and then incorrect-reviews. Mr. Clarkson does not even have a method of identifying incorrect assessments. It will take Awards Officers hundreds of hours to correct this fault. Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. have again failed to deliver an operational program.

10) The computer program for processing reviews and appeals which should have been operational September 15 will probably not function before December. Thousands of students who were entitled to additional funds weeks ago will not receive them until January. The computer programmers have again failed to deliver on time. Such is the state of the review program we do not dare pre-type even the simplest review before learning whether or not the program works. Not one person knows if the procedures outlined in our manual are in fact correct. And should the computer review system fail to operate, there is no backup system even contemplated.

I have only highlighted a very few of the problems. If you wish further sordid details, read the Ministry's own memos to Awards Officers which routinely identify many more existing problems, problems which we are expected to correct on behalf of the Ministry because the Ministry does not have the capacity to do so itself.

To summarize, the major faults have been:

a) Dr. Parrott failed to observe even the very minimal lead times established by his own staff for the implementation of the 1978 program.

b) Said failure resulted in numerous changes to the computer-based prpgram, making Stevenson & Kellog Ltd.'s job almost impossible.

c) Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. have failed to deliver fully operational and fully documented programs as contracted. This failure is becoming more evident and more serious daily.

d) The Ministry has failed to give Mr. Clarkson a functioning, computer-based support system and has failed to give him adequate resources to implement this system.

e) Policy making has been and continues to be done on a reactive, ad hoc basis. We doubt that there is a complete, up-to-date copy of the policies and procedures for 1978 OSAP. Certainly we do not and we have our doubts about your own state at all levels.

In September 1978, the Ministry commenced planning for the 1979-1980 OSAP. We are most appreciative of the input Awards Officers have had into this process, with nine of our members involved. The Planning Committees have had the foremost objective of putting the existing program right, eliminating problems and backlogs, and to make as few new policy decisions as possible. The changes needed to deliver a fully operational program by May 1, 1979 have been identified and delivered to your Management Commit-

Laudable as our work has been, it is my opinion that much of it has been for naught as Mr. Clarkson does not have the necessary computer programs to make the changes.

Mr. Clarkson has estimated that perhaps only four man-months of programming time will become available to work on the 1979 program prior to its scheduled start-up in May 1979. This is wholly inadequate. Even the simplest corrections to the existing faulty programs will take longer to write than the time available. We are afraid that 1979 will be a repeat of 1978.

Mr. Bonner, Mr. Clarkson and their senior staff have identified to you the minimum changes required to make the existing program functional for 1979. We implore you to act immediately to give them the resources necessary to do the job. We implore you to call in the senior officers of Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. and demand they finish what they were contracted to do for 1978. If the fault is the Ministry's, then we ask you to own up and pay Stevenson & Kellog Ltd. whatever is required to finish writing the computer programs. If Mr. Clarkson needs their services to complete the 1979 program on time, we urge you to make the necessary funds available immediately.

Dr. Stephenson, Ontario's Awards Officers are at their wits' end. We are fed up with being the Ministry's scapegoats. We are fed up with taking the daily abuse from students which we have so quietly taken this year. We have exhausted our Presidents' patience with never ending requests for operational funds for emergency loan programs to shore up OSAP. We are tired of working endless hours of overtime (unpaid!) to correct Ministry errors. We are tired of seeing our students made to suffer because of inadequate Ministry planning and management. We have reached the point were we take every optimistic pronouncement from the Ministry with cynicism. We have reached the point where we no longer believe any OSAP assessment produced by your Ministry is correct.

Dr. Stephenson, we do not want to live through another year like this one. Regretfully we are resigned to doing just that.

The executive members of the Association of Student Awards Officers of Ontario would like to meet with you at your very earliest convenience. Surely there is some way we can find a solution to this deplorable and rapidly deteriorating situation.

Yours, with a heavy heart,
David H. Butler,
Chairman
Association of Student
Awards Officers of Ontario

SENATE NEWS

by Terry Knowles

Senate's fourth regular meeting of the year was held last Thursday. Among the matters which came up were two affecting students.

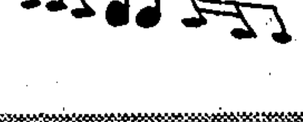
A report was submitted by the Graduate Studies Council concerning changes in Ontario Graduate Scholarship Awards, as follows: Students with landed immigrant status of one year will qualify for awards, but no increase in visa student awards is contemplated; it was recommended that awards be more easily renewable.

The second matter was one which is really important -- course evaluations. Some members of Senate objected to them being held again this year, saying that they are not a reliable means of evaluating faculty. The form tends to change every year and it is impossible to measure any progress a teacher may have made; secondly, not enough students answer the questionnaire to give a reliable assessment.

These are valid objections. To remedy the situation, the motion which was finally passed stipulated that the same questionnaires be used as last year, and that the evaluations be held earlier in the year. So they will start November 27 for first term half-courses, and in the first week of March for full courses and second term half-courses.

Please help fill out these questionnaires. It's no use complaining about your profs if you don't do anything about it. These evaluations not only help you and others next year -- they're also used in determining whether a professor will be granted tenure or not. And it helps the professors concerned by giving them a candid assessment of what he or she may be doing wrong or, just as important, right. This is one of the best means at your disposal to improve the quality of what you get for your money. So contribute.

Also given out at the meeting was an outline of procedures for the granting of tenure to faculty. If you're interested, this report can be obtained at the SGA Office.



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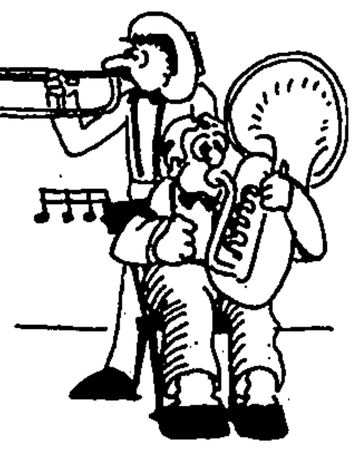
terloo or Wilfred Laurier. Congratulations go to Sonja Popovich who was the principal mover behind Laurentian's efforts to go down...Oh, and thanks to the people who came.

That wraps it up for this week except to congratulate Joseph Persaud, who is now one of our new student senators. Best of luck, Joseph (you're going to need it!)

Until next week, good bye & good luck.

Spend next summer in Germany



The Canadian Association of University Teachers of German, in collaboration with the Canadian government, the German Academic Exchange Service, and the Central Manpower Office in Germany, is offering a Program of Work and Travel in Germany.

If you are a Canadian university student between 18 and 30 years old, and speak German, you could spend next summer in Germany.

Once accepted for the program, you pay only $220 for return air-fare from Toronto and guaranteed employment (mainly in hotels and restaurants) during June and July. August is all yours to explore Germany on your saved earnings.

If this sounds like what you'd like to do next summer, contact either Dr. L. Kitching or Dr. G.J. Lewis at the Department of Modern Langauges soon. The absolute deadline for submitting preliminary applications is December 31, 1978.

Bruce Springsteen proves he's the epitome of rock & roll

by David O'Brien

Most of the sellout crowd of 9,600 had either seen or heard about previous **Springsteen** concerts and the excitement that he generates on stage. The tension mounted as the clock passed eight; the lights dimmed and the crowd erupted. They all knew they were in for a great party once the first chord of 'Badlands' cut through the heavy, blue smoke of the Gardens.

Bruce Springsteen has his career solidly back on track once again, following the long-awaited release of his fifth album, 'Darkness of the Edge of Town'. With two years of annoying legal hassles behind him, he seems ready to accept the position he appeared destined for following his album 'Born to Run'. The artist, once hailed as the 'new **Dylan**' in two national news magazines, showed that he's not the new **Dylan**, or anyone else for that matter. His style is his own, highly intense rock 'n' roll, delivered straight and up front.

The three hour concert showed what rock 'n' roll is all about. **Springsteen**, with his searing guitar riffs, was backed by the inimitable **E-Street Band**. 'The Big Man', **Clarence Clemons**, won the crowd with his first solo and built on it from there. His saxophone wailing, he and **Springsteen** jumped off the stage into an ecstatic audience. That seemed to typify the emotion throughout.

Springsteen rocked through most of the songs he has recorded. 'Prove it All Night' was extended to include a three minute intro and some great guitar playing by both **Springsteen** and **Miami Steve Van Zandt**. He also played several of the songs which were written by him and subsequently recorded by other artists. 'Because the Night', which he co-wrote with **Patti Smith**, underwent some lyric revisions and came out sounding better than the original. He managed to cover 'Fire', a song he wrote for **Robert Gordon**.

While the 'Boss' was proving it all night, he showed that he's far from being finished. 'Point Blank', one of several new songs that he played, displayed as much anger and urgency as any of his previous songs. **Bruce Springsteen** is the epitome of rock 'n' roll: intense, driving music, utilizing grassroots themes to produce an incomparable sound.

A **Bruce Springsteen** concert is a draining experience, one that leaves a mark not easily erased. Like the guy who yelled out after the last encore, "One more time, Bruce!", the audience would have danced in the aisles all night long. As the concert neared its inevitable end, **Springsteen** yelled out tauntingly, "You guys aren't gonna to be able to take any more", but he knew that those 9,600 were born to run.

Man's Law or God's?

by Alex MacGregor

On Friday, December 1st, Thorneloe College and Laurentian University will unite to stage one of the most successful productions that we've ever done. At 12:30, the Auditorium of l'Ecole d'Education will be packed with students from the public and separate high schools of Sudbury and district.

The students will be there to see Dr. Peter Arnott's production of **Antigone**, which he performs with marionettes. Dr. Arnott, a world-renowned classicist, is also a world-famous puppeteer. He presents the Greek tragedues with marionettes because they are the most faithful modern means by which to reproduce the effect of ancient Greek theatre.

The puppets move statuesquely, as did the ancient actors, in their masked and idealized way. The puppets are diminutive. Arnott estimates that, to an ancient Greek in the last row of seats, the actors would have seemed less than one inch tall.

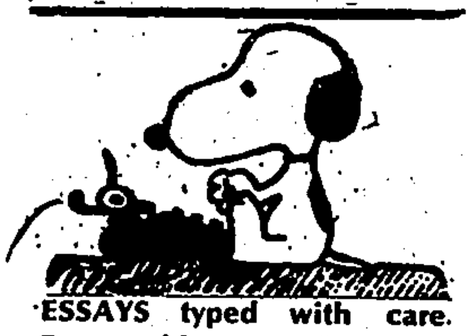
The staging is thus authentic, but the plot is as old as Greece and as modern as Solzenitsyn before a Soviet People's Court. Creon, tyrant of Thebes, has decreed that, since Polyneices has died fighting against his own city, no one may bury Polyneices' body. Polyneices' corpse must rot on the battlefield.

Antigone, the sister of Polyneices, is caught in a conflict of loyalties. Her loyalty to Thebes demands that she obey Creon. Her loyalty to her brother, and to God's law, insists that she bury Polyneices. If she disobeys Creon, the penalty is death - burial alive. If she disobeys God's law, she has betrayed the Good and her own conscience. She obeys God's law and is martyred for it. Her protest and her martyrdom bears fruit after her death.

Of course, this does not apply to our generation. Or does it? Surely every human being must face the issue of obeying or disobeying human law in conflict with higher law. If you doubt this, read **Serpico**. Every Commerce graduate may one day face the problem of what to do if he finds his best friend and partner cheating. The issue of God's law or human law will not be stilled.

On Saturday night, December 2nd, at 8:00 p.m., Dr. Arnott is staging **The Bacchae**, by Euripides. Tickets for that performance are still available.

Next Thursday, I'm preaching on -who else? - St. Andrew, Patron of Scotland, at our 5:30 Eucharist. The following week we conclude our services with our annual festival of Lessons and Carols. Only two St. Mark's Chapel days 'til Christmas. Have a final prayer ... before you phlunk.



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Lady B-Ballers take three

by Doug Rose

The lady Vees basketball team continued its drive to excellence this weekend, winning two games over Queens and one more over Ottawa. Despite the illness ravaging Norm Vickery's ranks, keeping court general Allison Towriss at home and Agnes Baker sidelined for nuch of a game, the women continued to show their depth and balance.

In Ottawa on Friday, the Women took a 36-20 lead into the locker room at half time, and then hung on to win 69-54 over the Gee Gees. Eileen Galuska, playing one of her best games of the season, provided the Vees with 20 points and 10 rebounds, tops in both departments. Sylvia Sweeney added 18 points while Natalie Vukovich notched 12 points and 8 rebounds.

On Saturday at Queens, Laurentian recovered from a shaky start, leading on 28-26 at the half, to crush the Golden Gaels 69-46. Vukovich led the Vees with 19 points, while Baker added 16 points and 8 rebounds.

In Sunday's game, Laura Donaldson led the lady Vees with 13 points as they came back from an early 13-0 deficit to lead 33-18 at the half, and eventually dump the Gaels 70-44. With Norm Vickery missing the game, Peter Domengoni took the helm for Laurentian.

This weekend, the lady Vees travel to Montreal for the Concordia Invitational.

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Men's B-Ball wins

by Doug Rose

The hustling basketballers got their first taste of victory this year as the Vees travelled to Kingston and soundly defeat the Golden Gaels 79-62 on Saturday night.

For the Vees, their hustling, determined style and the play of Mark Bennet combined to give Laurentian after an opening loss the York. Bennet worked his magic again as he pumped in 34 points to lead all scorers. Don MacRoberts, doing another outstanding job on the boards, had 12 points while Mike Mulvihill and rookie Wyatt Poser each tossed in 10 points.

Laurentian next takes the "Travelling Mark Bennet" show to the University of Waterloo as defending champions of the prestigious Naismith Classic. There, they will attempt to snare their second championship in as many years.

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The Vees defeated Wilfred Laurier University two games to one with scores of 15-9, 15-17 and 15-11, but then lost in straight games to U. of T. (15-9, 15-6), Brock (15-2, 15-5) and Windsor (15-6, 15-7).

Volleyball opens season

by Doug Rose

The varsity volleyball season opened on both the men's and women's fronts as Laurentian travelled to Toronto respectively. For the men's team, "travelling" to Toronto might be considered an understatement. Because of bus trouble, only 7 players were at the opening serve when the Vees battled the University of Toronto. As a result, Laurentian went down 3 games to none, losing 15-3, 15-3 and 16-14 on Friday night.

On Saturday, the Vees came back to trounce Ryerson in three games, 15-2, 15-3 and 15-6 to even their performance. They then came back from a 2-1 deficit to defeat arch-nemesis York 3-2, with scores of 15-10, 11-15, 9-15, 15-7 and 17-15. Coach Kit Lefroy was very pleased about his team's performance after the unfortunate circumstances surrounding Friday's U. of T. match.

The women's team didn't make out quite as well, coming home with one win in four matches at Trent University. Rob Perfect's lady Vee-ballers have been plagued with illness and injuries through the opening month and have been forced to go with inexperienced players.

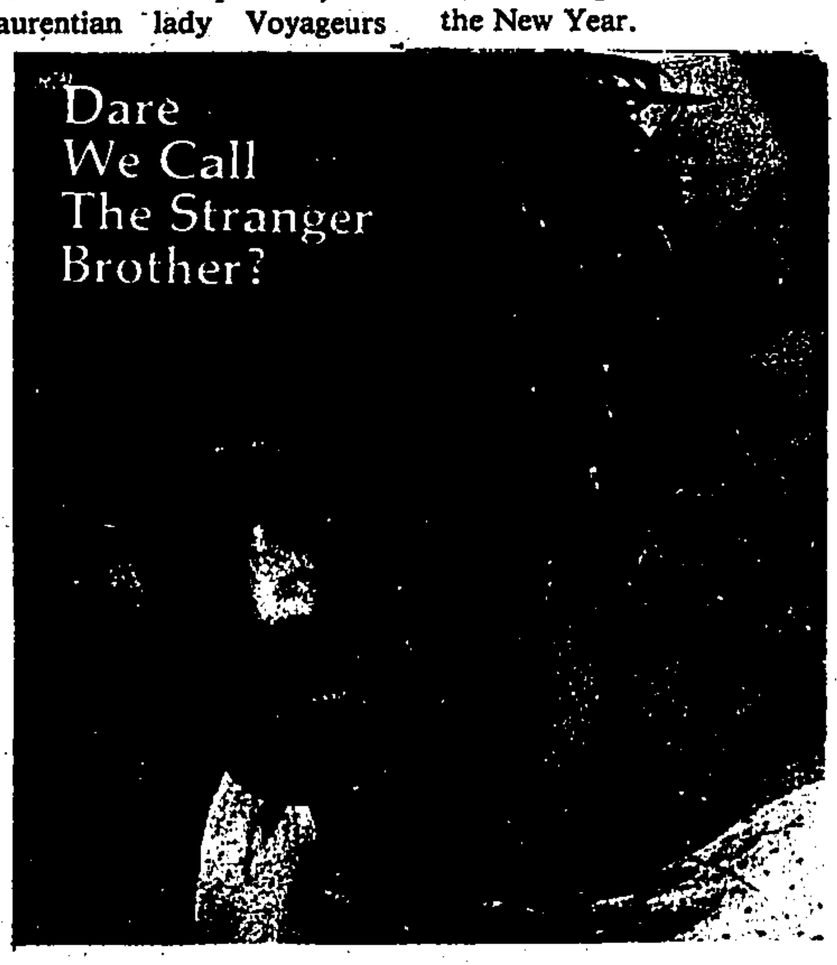
Women's Curling

by Doug Rose

The Women's Varsity Curling team took to the ice this weekend and, despite not coming up victorious in the Sudbury Business Girls' Bonspiel, Coach Babe Chambers is optimistic about the team's upcoming season.

Curling together for the first time in competition, the Laurentian lady Voyageurs lost 10-8 in the first event, 8-7 in the third "A" event (in an extra end) and finally 6-5 in the third "B" event.

Skip Leslie Dixon, along with her vice Shelley Lotus, second Shelley Birsten and lead Sandra Korry, will be entering local bonspiels and practicing together until the major OWIAA bonspiels in Peterborough and Kitchener in the New Year.



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Hockey grabs two from U of O

by Doug Rose

The Laurentian Vees hockey team came up with its first wins of the young season this past weekend by dumping the University of Ottawa Gee Gee's (what the hell is a Gee Gee, anyway?) 4-3 on Saturday and 8-4 on Sunday afternoon. Coach Billy Harris has to be pleased with his team's performance, especially on Sunday's game, as the Vees came back from a 3-0 deficit at the end of the first period.

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However, the 3-0 deficit certainly had Harris, and the sparse but enthusiastic crowd, pulling their hair out. The Vees looked like a team possessed in the first period, playing listless, dismal hockey, and were lucky to come out down only three goals.

The start of the second period had this reporter checking his programme to make sure a new team, weary of the blue, white and gold, hadn't invaded the Sudbury Arena. They took control of the game and played superb hockey. Before the period was half over, the Vees had fired up the checking and skating, and tied the game.

Ottawa scored shortly after to make the score 4-3. Harris then pulled Vee's starting goalie Lou O'Hara, who'd had a rough afternoon, in favour of Rick Brown, who shut out the Gee Gees the rest of the way. In the closing minutes of the second period, Grant McCuaig scored the tying marker, and so went the teams to the dressing rooms.

In the third frame, the Vees again came out buzzing and completely dominated the confused Gee Gees. Steve Tolton, Steve Demarco (twice) and Will Crothers all fired home markers to salt away the Vee victory.

On Saturday night, the Vees got goals from Tim Stortini, Rick Comtois, Grant McCuaig and Robin Laking on the way to their 4-3 victory over Ottawa.

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Then slip your mouth aside just as he is sure of it."

COMPUTER SERVICES
APL Service

We are pleased to announce that the APL service will be reinstituted at Laurentian beginning on or about November 23, 1978. We regret the delay in obtaining the service, but we feel we should have a better service now. Documentation on how to use the system is now available from Erika Kozlowskyj in room F425.

SERVICE ORDINATEUR
Service APL

Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer que le service APL sera rétabli à la Laurentienne le 23 novembre 1978 ou vers cette date. Nous regrettons le retard dans l'obtention du service, mais nous sommes d'avis que nous devrions maintenant avoir un meilleur service. On peut obtenir la documentation relative à l'utilisation du système en s'adressant à Erika Kozlowskyj, au bureau F425.

WILEY'S NOSTALGIA

Wiley's celebrated the "good, old days" on Sunday night as Linda Tennant returned to offer her usual vast selection of licentious limericks, whorehouse harmonies, bawdy ballads and dirty ditties. Linda is now up in the Soo with the CNIB, for those of you who knew her. Leading up with an (almost) meticulously decent set, it wasn't too long before she reverted to form and the microphones began steaming ... out came all the old favourites like †=#—& and his ÷+§•® °©##‡ or gems such as %‡#©+ on a ¼†=# in the *&?‡‡©+•. I must confess my disappointment at having noticed one clean stanza buried amongst the rest, however. A few of the members of the audience were catapaulted to instant fame -- ask Tim Miller about the mantlepiece.

This is not to suggest, however, that present times are bad -- in fact they're getting better. Come out next week to hear Sika Eliev and to sample some of **Wiley's** baked goods. You'll also have a chance to win one of the **"Wiley's Femur"** T-shirts the staff was wearing on Sunday.

December 3 will likely be our last night for this year, what with exams and so on. So, if you haven't been out yet, come on down -- doors open at 8 on Sunday and entertainment at 8:30. See you there.

WILEY

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS
Nov. 27 to Dec. 2

There will be no evaluations:
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2) if less than 5 students participate in the evaluation
3) in all full year courses

Responsibility of Class Professor
1) to schedule evaluation during class period
2) designate student as a returning officer
3) bring and distribute the questionaires to class
4) indicate course code on blackboard
5) leave room until evaluations complete

Responsibility of Returning Officer
1) see the questionaires are filled out properly
2) collect the questionaires and seal them in an envelope - sign the back of the envelope
3) deliver envelope to office of the Vice-President Academic and get a receipt for it
4) report in writing any substantial irregularity

Responsibility of the Students
1) complete the evaluation honestly on the basis of his or her own views
2) evaluate the course, not the personality of the professor

November 21 - December 10

Gallery I: Soren Madsen

Born in Sudbury, Soren Madsen moved to Toronto to study at the Ontario College of Art. He now returns with an exhibition of this recent graphic works.

Gallery II: David Blake

David Blake is a Sudbury artist currently teaching at Cambrian College. The exhibition includes his recent works from his continuing studies in Northern Ontario.

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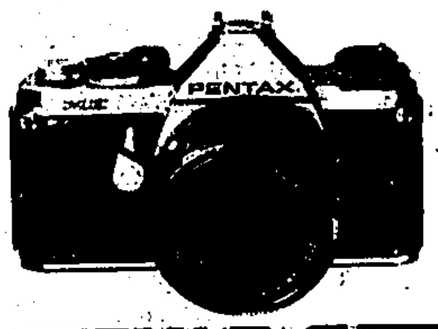

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